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## THE PANSY AND THE HYACINTH.

[Toast at the Pas Hellenica of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta.  
Wooster, Ohio.]

To do justice to so poetical a theme as we have before us to-night, would require the skill of a Sappho, who, seated by the side of some sunny fountain in far away Greece, surrounded by her attendants, and crowned with a laurel wreath, should chant to the sound of the lyre the praises of the hyacinth and pansy. But alas! Sappho with her train of followers is gone, and there is no one to take her place. The maidens no longer even wear her graceful, training robe, but with eager zeal have followed the fashions of the North.

On the first of March, 1889, her votaries in Wooster appeared in their ancient Grecian costumes for the first time in many years, but like Cinderella in the fairy tale, as the clock struck twelve, they vanished and have never been seen since. Though the beautiful garments of Sappho are gone, it must not be thought that the Greek maidens have disappeared with them, for there are still many true and loyal Greeks as all who are here to-night can testify.

Some of us have chosen one flower, some the other to represent us—the hyacinth and pansy—each worthy of love and each telling its own story.

Long years ago in the mythological ages there was a beautiful youth, Hyacinthus by name, who was greatly beloved both by Apollo and Zephyrus. Each wished him as a follower. Apollo was great, manly and noble. It was he who had given to the world art, music and poetry. He had had compassion on the children of men and had taught them how to relieve their pain and suffering by the use of the herbs of the field. For these reasons the innocent heart of the boy warmed toward Apollo, and he gave to the great god the full wealth of his love.

But Zephyrus was exceedingly jealous of his rival; and so one day as Apollo and his pupil were playing quoits in a garden, Zephyrus with his strong west wind blew the quoit as it was thrown by Apollo upon the head of Hyacinthus, who fell to the earth killed by the blow. Apollo was disconsolate at the loss of his favorite pupil; but suddenly controlling his grief, he stretched out his hand over the place where the boy lay, and immediately

“Hyacinths of heavenly blue

Shook their tresses in the morn.”

“Hyacinths, purple and white and blue

Which flung from their bells a sweet peal anew

Of music, so delicate, soft and intense,

It was felt like an odor within the sense.”



Thus runs the legend of the Hyacinth, the flower which Kappa Kappa Gamma has chosen as her emblem. Does it not express the longing which every human heart has for the good, the true, and the beautiful? Would that our aspirations were as high as those of the beautiful youth, and that we might only strive for that which should truly benefit ourselves and others, so that after we had departed from this world, our deeds might still remain as memorials of us, like the sweet perfume of the hyacinth.

"But pray you, love, remember  
There's pansies,—that's for thoughts.

How beautiful are these dainty flowers as they modestly lift up their sweet faces to the sunlight, some of them gorgeous in all the colors of the rain-bow, others in more simple dress. But the pansy which is most beloved by many of us is the one with the dark velvet mantle and the golden heart.

"Of all the bonny buds that blow  
In bright or cloudy weather,  
Of all the flowers that come and go  
The whole twelve moons together,  
The golden hearted pansy brings  
Thoughts of the sweetest, dearest things."

Thoughts! How wonderful they are, and how quickly they come and go like shadows dancing on the wall in the fire light! Yet, if we but consider, it is a solemn thing to think. For it is our thoughts that give each of us character.:

An old poet quaintly observes:

"Our thoughts are heard in heaven."

How necessary, then, that at all times they be such as will make us true hearted women, faithful and loving who shall go out into the world determined to perform diligently every duty which God may send us.

Grant this, we pray thee, that all who read  
Or utter noble thoughts, may make them theirs,  
And thank God for them to the betterment  
Of their succeeding lives."

The hyacinths and pansies in our gardens wither and die; but may the more beautiful flowers of which these are but emblems spring up in the hearts and blossom forever in the lives of every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta.

ALICE M. BROWN.

### THE MISSION OF DOUBT.

When Pandora, the curious inquiring wife of the Grecian God, Prometheus, opened the vessel containing the blessings of the gods to the human race, doubt with other winged blessings came forth into our world.

*Ours* is a questioning age.

"To the manly, thoughtful mind life is a challenge, not a truce."

"It is faith that enables one to stand well on his feet with head erect and eyes lifted to the heavens of highest desire."

Yet, doubt has been the instrument which has led to great achievements. But for it we might to-day be traveling the same thorny roads our fathers have trod; or living in the same darkness in which many before us have lived.



Doubt has led to investigations which have proven of rich benefit to the succeeding generations, and, by which, the investigator has gained for himself a lasting reputation.

Do you question the benefit of doubting? Or do you ask, "What is doubt?" I answer, doubt is that feeling which is likely to take possession of a man when he is brought face to face with something unexpected or startling. It is a hesitancy, wavering or indecision with regard to accepting beliefs. Not necessarily a suspicious hesitancy but a questioning one.

The idea originally conveyed by the word was a halting between two opinions, whether these opinions were the result of little or of much consideration.

Doubt is the opposite of perfect trust; a condition delightful to most people, and, because doubt is the reverse of perfect trust it is shunned by many as an unsafe state of being to cherish.

The timid and cowardly especially, do not like doubt. To them it is a nettle, which springs up in their lovely garden of lillies and heartsease to prick and sting them; hence they avoid it. They shrink from doubting theories advanced by their forefathers, and do not care to ponder over perplexing questions. They prefer to accept unquestioningly whatever is told them, and to live at their ease. If the great need of investigation, of discussion, of verification, of independent thought be urged upon them, they point you to Thomas, the doubting Thomas. They grieve to think doubt is in our world and long to have it removed. They say what a paradise our world would be without it. The happiness which existed for so short a time in the Garden of Eden would return. Everyone would be perfectly satisfied with that which he has received. There would be no need of Pandora's last and best gift—hope.

The stable equilibrium of convictions would undoubtedly be for mankind much the happier lot; yet, to enjoy perfect restfulness is not the object for which man has been placed here.

Doubt has been bestowed upon man for his own advantage. If a man doubts a theory, it often incites him to eager questioning and examination. Although he may arrive at the same conclusion which others have reached before, yet the examination proves beneficial to him, in that he has a definite knowledge of the subject in question.

Doubt has always been an important factor in the accomplishment of wonderful results for the world.

In the world of science we constantly meet with doubt. Through it Darwin was led to make investigations which brought to light truths entombed for centuries in the crust of the earth's surface. The immense number of facts, which he has added to science, has given him a high place in Zoology, Botany and Geology. His discoveries have led others to important investigations and examinations, and thus he has awakened a new line of thought and opened an unending field for scientists.

What other than doubt concerning old beliefs led Sir Isaac Newton to make the investigations and perform the experiments which not only made his name "to be honored in all generations," but have also lead the human race farther out into vast fields of knowledge.

Directly opposite these eager, inquiring people, we find the credulous person, who exercises implicit belief, and never seeks for evidence; hence



his definite knowledge is very limited. He naturally becomes narrow-minded, and bestows but few benefits on mankind.

Henry Ward Beecher said, "A person who never doubts is like an ax that will not cut; like a plow that will not turn a sod; he is unsuggestive and can be of little use in the world, except where civilization is at a very low ebb."

Not less instrumental do we find doubt in leading people and nations from the bitterness of enthrallment and servitude into the sweetness of freedom. Those destined to be leaders of people and chiefs of nations doubt the charitableness of the old rule and clamour for a new. Thus, new nations are formed and those in the strongholds of bondage break forth into the splendid light of freedom.

William, Prince of Orange, shows to us a noble example of a leader who devoted himself to the liberty of his country and people.

But what grander, nobler example of devotion to liberty do we find than in Washington, the Father of our own Country and Great Nation!

What lead these men forth to battle for right and freedom? They, first, doubted the existence of right and equality as government then existed. They doubted the rectitude of the iron chains of bondage, which compelled brother to serve brother. They doubted the justice of all their sufferings and went forth to gain liberty or to meet death. Thus a people was saved; a nation born.

There is yet another way in which doubt has been and may still be beneficial and needful. It has led to an examination of that susceptibility of the marvelous which seems to be an almost universal characteristic of man's mind. It prevents the obscure, the seeming, the mysterious from gaining the ascendancy over the obvious, the actual, the known. The ancients exhibited this tendency toward the mysterious in the worship of their many imaginary deities. At a much later day in our own country, men were subjected to dire delusions and dreadful were the consequences. Men, women and children were cruelly persecuted to destroy the evil spirits by which they seemed possessed. It was not until people doubted the existence of such spirits that their non-existence was proved.

And still delusions remain though to a far less extent. If any unusual appearances occur, common sense at once impels men of to-day to investigate and discover the causes of them.

The religious superstitions of all ages, whether they necessitated a firm belief in the Koran, or the Bible of John Smith, or compelled the cruel sacrifice of innocent lives, have been the result of perfect faith in what their followers considered right, and it is only by the advent of the disturber—doubt—in the mind, that people have been influenced to renounce these beliefs. Superstition will not be overturned until credulity ceases. Doubt, by overthrowing gross superstitions made place for the existence of our own pure religion.

Thousands of human beings dwelling within the pales of heathenism have been led to doubt the powers and divinities of their gods of wood and stone. Then it was that they were led forth from the cruelties of superstitions and paganism into the brightness and splendor of the true religion.

Doubt incites examination, and research defeats credulity and destroys superstitions, but, like all other destructive weapons, doubt must be controlled and not used to such an extent as to render men skeptics and deniers.



Like all other good gifts to man, doubt has been and always will be used by some disastrously. What blessing of God's can not be used by man to an excess, and "excess cause defeat."

Emerson says, "If a man fastens his attention on a single aspect of truth and apply himself to that alone for a long time, the truth becomes distorted and not itself but falsehood."

But on the other hand Tennyson writes, "There is more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half our creeds."

So let him who would use doubt advantageously, doubt only far enough to acquire a surer knowledge, or in the words of an inspired preacher of long ago, "Let doubt occasion still more faith."

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### OPEN LETTER ON PLEDGING.

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To pledge or not to pledge—if we pledge, when shall we pledge—are two questions which, at some time in the history of a chapter situated in a school containing a preparatory department, must come up for discussion.

We are most heartily in favor of pledging, and indeed, were we not, as it is the custom at Northwestern we should be obliged to do so, or lose many a fine girl, destined to be a Theta. It has never been our policy to pledge many, in the lower classes of Preparatory. But when it comes to the third and fourth years, the student should be capable of judging what fraternity she wishes to join. When she enters the Freshman class if pledged in the Preparatory she knows already much about the fraternity and is able to take upon herself the full duties of an initiated member much more intelligently. We think if any chapter opposed to pledging could see our preps and our college girls who were pledged in Preparatory, their objections would quickly vanish.

TAU.

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While so many of our large Universities maintain the preparatory school as a recognized department, the pledging of students in its courses is a subject of vital interest to fraternities. This question of pledging is a many sided one, and upon the answer to it depends much of the success or failure of greek-letter fraternities.

There are two parties whose welfare is concerned. The student herself and the fraternity as a whole.

While from the nature and purpose of an institution of learning, its society must be somewhat limited, it is a potent influence for good or evil in student-life.

A young girl, entering the little world of a college life, treads a path surrounded by unseen dangers. A careless step in an unguarded moment may lead to consequences from which it will take years to recover. Who can estimate the benefit from a kindly word of warning or a little gentle guiding along the dangerous way by her older and more experienced sister!

It is a help to every girl in her studies to know that the fraternity girls are watching her progress. Not with a spirit of fault finding or criticism but with the affectionate interest of sisters, who will rejoice with her in success, and to whom she can turn for aid and comfort when discouraged.

course of three, two or even one year as a pledged member gives to a

girl an interest in and knowledge of fraternity life such as she would acquire under no other circumstances, so that by the time of initiation she is not a girl ignorant of all fraternity affairs, and requiring instruction in everything pertaining to them, but an eager enthusiastic member, already possessing some training and ready to take up her work with animation and skill. Thus not the individual alone but the general fraternity as well is benefited.

Who of us has not realized the aid our bright pledged girls are to us in every way? Many a college girl over whom there has been a sharp contest has yielded to the winning smile and good logic of a pledged girl.

By pledging preparatory students who are to form a considerable element of the fraternity, the older and more experienced members may in a great degree secure the future welfare of the fraternity, may leave hands as skillful as their own to guide it when they are gone.

Just one word as regards the treatment of preparatory students. Older members can never be too kind or considerate or take too strong an interest in those who are to succeed them.

If a little personal experience may be pardoned, be it said for our chapter, that we are charmed with the system. We are infinitely proud of our pledged girls. They are to us an inspiration and an assurance of the future.

CAROLINE SIMPSON,  
ALPHA.



## EDITORIALS.

WE take this opportunity to thank our kind friend, Mr. Ed. Gardener, '91, for the beautiful design upon our new cover. This is only one of the many kindnesses we have received from our friends in our first publication.

SOMETHING in Tau's last chapter letter has made a suggestion to us. It seems a very fitting thing that each member, as she leaves her chapter life to take up her new one, apart from her Theta Sisters, should leave behind her a certain amount which should go to the Chapter House Building fund. If this plan could be carried out in our eighteen chapters, even though each donation might be small, not very many years would pass before we should all share Lambda's joy in owning a chapter home. Few of us can have her good fortune and it must be by our own exertions that we may own a pleasant house. It might be an added strength to us in more than one way if we should adopt this plan.

WE are sorry to know there has been any dissatisfaction in the new dress of the Journal, and hope that this number may meet with better success. On the other hand we are very grateful for the many kind letters and marks of appreciation which we have received. We would like all to understand that it is no little thing to try to please all our readers, and for this reason all suggestions are *very* thankfully received. We desire to know your opinions that we have due regard for them, that all our readers, if possible, may be satisfied and pleased with the Journal.

SOME of the Chapters may be somewhat surprised and perhaps not a little dissatisfied that parts of their chapter letters have been cut out. We wish to explain why. It must be remembered that these letters are written not for our eyes alone, but for all fraternities and so they can be, at most, but very general. It may be a disputed question just how much or how little of our fraternity life should be made public, but as long as it is we shall be especially careful how much we print. We may be wrong in this point, and, if so, we want to be set aright; but we were obliged to rely upon our own judgment. We ask that each chapter correspondent be very careful in writing the letters as it is very difficult for the editor to change them.



WE are sorry that we cannot say with editor Van Cleve of the *Shield* that we have so much matter that we cannot publish it all; and also that we must emphasize what we said in our last number, that we must have your support or we cannot give you a good Journal. We requested several chapters to write a short article upon a subject very interesting and instructive to the fraternity and at the time of writing only two have been received. Of course we know you are busy but what we want is the benefit of some of that labor to inspire all the rest of us. We desire to make the Journal useful to us as well as interesting, and to do this the chapters must, as far as possible, contribute the articles asked of them.

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WE wish to thank very heartily those members and chapters who have so kindly responded to our call for aid, and more especially Pi for her thoughtfulness ever since the Journal has been in our hands.

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KAPPA ALPHA THETA has just celebrated her twentieth anniversary. "The girls of '70" have been well "remembered" by all loyal Thetas. As we look back and see that little band of girls just bringing to life the first Ladies' Fraternity, and then look about us and see, in all the best colleges of the land, our various prosperous chapters together with those of other noble girls, we have reason to believe that the work which they begun is a noble one and one from which much good has sprung.

And how has Theta grown? For answer look from Lambda with her beautiful Chapter House in Vermont, across the continent to the loyal sisters of California. The two decades that have just passed have not found Theta idling. She has been hard at work, building a firm foundation for herself and she now has her reward; never has she had a brighter outlook, than at the beginning of her twenty-first year.

The girls of '70 have gone from college; the girls of '80 have gone from college; the girls of '90 will soon follow in their footsteps, and the interests of Theta pass into other hands. It is with them that the future of Theta rests, it is upon them that we confidently lay this responsibility. Girls, shall not our hopes be realized? Thetas all over the land look to you and trust you, and hope for good things for our sisterhood. We feel sure that the future can have naught but glory for the "Black and Gold" and the "pansy" will continue to bloom in all its wanted beauty both in our gardens and in our hearts.



## ALUMNÆ DEPARTMENT.

The great movements of History start with obscure beginnings, as great rivers have their sources in small and hidden springs. Around these beginnings, the intensest interest gathers and increases with distance in time, as the movements themselves seem momentous and far reaching. Will the world ever tire of referring to the landing of the little handful of pilgrims at Plymouth? To the experience of Moses at the break of the first revelation to Abraham? As the great arents of universal history have obscure beginnings, and as distance in time lends enchantment to the remote sources of great political and religious events, so it is with the origin and early developments of our beloved and prosperous Kappa Alpha Theta. What true wearer of "Black and Gold," in reflecting upon the founders of our glorious institution does not picture them as girls of almost superhuman nobility of character; or who in imagining the preliminary work prior to the final establishment, does not feel a pang of regret that her day did not come at a time when she could have been privileged to become one of the charter members; and thus enjoyed the pleasure of unlocking the first Greek door to be opened for the admission of ladies? After this lapse of time, we almost forget that these brave sisters must have endured countless trials and overcome innumerable difficulties before having self assurance that they were able to assume the responsibility of undertaking the management of a society that must necessarily cope with the already organized and prosperous societies of their brothers. However we can not all be the originators of this great movement, and while too much praise cannot be given those noble women for their undertaking, still there is a greater, more exalted work for their followers to accomplish; and that is the successful carrying on, improving and perfecting the organization brought into existence by their noble efforts.

To be sure we are constantly seeking improvements, we justly feel proud of our sisterhood and the grand women that have crowned our "Kite" with honor and glory by their noble heroic lives, and yet in many respects as an organization we are far from attaining that perfection we so much desire. This lack of perfection is much more apparent in our general fraternity than in local chapters.

Kappa Alpha Theta has not a local chapter that does not stand as high as, if not higher, than any other similar organization in the educational centres where we have granted charters, and yet in general management we all feel a lack.

Now this lack is two-fold: first, there is lack of interest in general fraternity business, and, secondly; lack of funds for general finances. Now, no girl will admit that she is not intensely interested in the general fraternity, but, my sisters, if so, why do so many of you neglect doing little things that will assist so materially in perfecting our general fraternity? For instance, we have a fraternity paper which should be read with great



interest by every loyal Kappa Alpha Theta. This paper is not intended to be entirely a polished literary production, but should be an organ of communication between the different chapters, and should give full and complete information regarding all topics of interest to members of said chapters. The writer remembers with what eagerness she turned the pages of the last number of our journal, to find the fraternity letter of her own chapter, thinking she would know just how "Dear old Alpha" was prospering, but to her mortification and disappointment she found a letter about four inches long. It was good enough, what there was of it, but there wasn't enough of it. Then thinking she would find many items among the personals, she turned to them, but not one could be found. In looking over the paper, she could find but very little more in many of the other chapter letters. Now girls, forgive me for making this criticism, and apparently finding fault, but it is in your power to make this "organ of communication" intensely interesting if you choose to do so, and unless each chapter is willing to do its part, you can never hope for a journal that is satisfactory to you. The chapter members will, of course, support a fraternity paper from principle, but when our journal is full of interest and information there will not be the slightest trouble in gaining an immense alumnae support. Kappa Alpha Theta has alumnae, and they are not without interest in their fraternity, but when they subscribe for a paper they naturally desire to obtain a paper that will furnish them information, and afford them profit. Such a paper can never be issued until each individual chapter is willing, and not only willing, but sees to it, that she does her duty in furnishing material for the fraternity paper. The issuing chapter is responsible for the printing; you are responsible for the material.

Then as to finances for general fraternity purposes: We probably can not afford it now, but may we not look forward to a time when we may hope to have a regular fund for supporting a general fraternity officer that can take hold of all general fraternity work, and by devoting all her time and energies to the work, not only produce better results, but at the same time greatly relieve many already overburdened school girls that need and desire all their time for school work and local fraternity business. Of Theta's past record we have great cause to be proud; for her future we have grand hopes and aspirations.

May she continue to prosper and improve 'till she excels all other similar organizations. Then shall we say our labors in a good cause have not been in vain, but have brought forth a harvest a thousand fold.

F. SERILLA CLEVELAND,  
Lynden, Washington.



## CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

## EPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, }  
Feb. 25th, 1890. }

DEAR GIRLS: Epsilon's first wish is to explain her delinquency as to the last letter. It must not be supposed that our loyal chapter had too little interest in the Journal to send any communication, but the announcement that our Chapter letter was due, through some misunderstanding with the post-master, did not reach us until after the time appointed for publication.

If, now, I have exonerated our fair name, and established ourselves again in your favor, I am free to speak of ourselves in relation to that kaleidoscopic theme—society.

We have been steeped in levity during the last week or two, literally "from head to foot." There were literary contests for the cerebrum; there were feasts fit for the gods, for the process of deglutition; and there were rythmical gymnastics to exquisite music for our organs of locomotion. I assure you this is not meant to be a lecture in elementary physiology, however much so it may seem; but Epsilon is at present well versed in human anatomy, having just had occasion to revivify the skeleton of initiations for a new candidate. Last week we received into our sorority one whose mental and social qualities make her a most desirable Theta. She is a Junior, and her addition increases our number in that class to six. The event of her initiation was one of much merriment, solemnity, and feasting, however incongruous these states may appear. The young lady in question represented us in the celebration of the noble George's natal day—a celebration given by the literary societies of the College. There were two ladies on the program, both Thetas, but unfortunately one of them was too ill to orate. The music for the evening was furnished by the College orchestra, in which the only two lady players are Epsilon's devotees. On the whole, Epsilon's social status is not unenviable. Before I leave this subject to speak of one yet fresh in our minds, I speak once more of our new initiate, Sister Thetas. I have the great pleasure of introducing to the Journal readers, Harriet L. Funck. We commend her to your good will and fraternal love. You will doubtless learn to know her, for I trust her able pen will create more than one editorial for us.

Did any of you ever hold a "Pan-Hellenic?" Of course its name at once defines it to be a banquet of all the fraternities. Well, the boys have been enjoying such occasions for several years, but have never admitted the girls' fraternities to their august midst. Last year we girls of Kappa Alpha Theta joined with Kappa Kappa Gamma in an effectual rebellion, and held a "Pasa-Hellenica," which chaste body consisted exclusively of fair damsels arrayed in all the grace of Grecian robes. The affair was such a decided success, and engendered so much of the amicable between the two sororities,



that we formed a permanent organization for the holding of an annual "Pasa Hellenica." So we met, fifty strong, on last Friday evening, in two large public halls secured for the occasion. In one hall we chatted until banqueting time, and then entered the adjoining hall where the menu was served. After the banquet we listened to toasts from three girls of each fraternity, Epsilon's subject being, "Hyacinths and Pansies" (the hyacinth is the flower of Kappa Kappa Gamma), "La Grippe," and "Co-Eds." Being one of the toasters, I am not at liberty to say how we acquitted ourselves, but to put it as modestly as possible, our girls seemed pleased. My fellow toasters deserve to be spoken of in terms of praise. After everything and everybody of any importance had been toasted and roasted, we re-entered the other hall, and gave ourselves up to the seductions of the dance. In this we violated no Faculty rule, for it is only dancing between the sexes that is forbidden. We had engaged the best orchestra to be furnished, and the music was irresistible. When, *at length*, decidedly so, we parted, the echoes were still ringing in the halls from our cheers for the "Pasa-Hellenica," the boys, the faculty, etc. I don't think it would be possible to compress more pleasure into a few transient hours than did we co-eds of Wooster University.

Right here let it be said that Wooster students and their relations to the controlling powers have been very wrongly represented. It is by no means the Faculty's aim to crush the student, nor the student's consuming purpose to defy the Faculty. There is, on the contrary, much amity and mutual interest. Of course those who are constantly fracturing rules, feel the weight of authority, and are sometimes loud in condemnation; but our dear College has many loyal-hearted sons and daughters, whose interest is for her, as hers is for them. Pardon this digression, but we wish our friends in other Colleges to view us in the proper light. I think Epsilon has atoned for her omitted letter in this long one—so long perhaps, that it were better in two editions.

With "fraternal" love from the "Sorority."

MELLIE M. WOODWORTH.

## ALPHA.

GREEN CASTLE, IND., MARCH 2, '90.

DEAR THETA SISTERS: Alpha awaited very anxiously the coming of our December Journal and we are glad to render the verdict "Well done" to the most of Upsilon's changes.

We approve heartily the plan of assigning to the different chapters subjects of interest to the whole fraternity and we would offer an exhortation to promptness on the part of those solicited.

Alpha celebrated on the twenty-seventh of January the founding of the fraternity and our chapter, by a reception to about eighty of our gentlemen friends. It was a decided social success and we so wished that some of our other Thetas might have been present.

As the oldest chapter of the oldest Greek-letter Ladies' Fraternity, we feel that it would be well in the midst of our busy college life to consider the past of Kappa Alpha Theta and what the future may bring to her. That some mistakes have been made seems inevitable, but we surely have



reason to congratulate ourselves on a successful career of twenty years. From a study of the past, wisdom for the future will be gained and we hope that in every Theta's heart there is the sincere purpose to strive for the realization of an ideal sisterhood.

ALPHA.

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### IOTA.

DEAR THETA SISTERS: Now that the excitement of deciding upon new members is quite over, we have leisure to turn our attention to the other features of fraternity life.

Our chapter room is our great delight. Being without a home for a year has taught us the blessedness of having a sanctum all to ourselves, and we are appreciating it with all our might.

In order to beautify this sanctum we some years ago established a Kappa Altha Theta birthday, at which the members should be privileged to bestow gifts useful and ornamental upon the Chapter. This birthday comes upon some convenient Saturday in the winter term. This year it came February first and Kappa Altha Theta received birthday tokens of the most startling variety, ranging from a decorated scarf to a dishpan. Some of the things that came between were a dozen after dinner coffee spoons, a large lamp, a carpet sweeper, and a new wood basket which we very much needed to take the place of the unsightly box which had up to that time held the fuel for the fire place.

We are still pursuing the old plan of having each of the members in turn take charge of the chapter meeting. Last Saturday night we listened to a talk on the subject of Life on Indian Reservation.

We wish you all prosperity.

IOTA.

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### RHO.

LINCOLN, NEB., FEB. 23, 1890.

DEAR THETAS: The "scribbler" of Rho takes up her *pluma* again to let all sisters of Theta know that we are prospering and enjoying life. Our University gained its majority on the fourteenth of this month, and very proud are we of its progress. The chancellor of the Minnesota State University came and praised our institution to our hearts content.

Six fraternities have flourished and grown strong within our walls, and another is about to be established, while the barbs still have food for contemplation.

As to Rho, she is still small in number, but great in her own opinion. A good old-fashioned spread has been planned for the 27th, but we will indulge in no more this term, as we must "save up" for the festivities that are the just due of our three seniors next term. We shall be glad to get the new catalogues and see the progress Theta has made. Hoping that the next term may be a prosperous one for all, we are yours in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Rho.

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### DELTA.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., FEB. 25, '90.

DEAR THETA SISTERS: Delta chapter sends greeting to all the other chapters and wishes to say that she has *not* been asleep, though owing to some mistake we did not get to say, "how-dee-doo" in the last Journal, and



speaking our own praise, But we were not the only one for on looking to see what several of the other chapters had to say we were disappointed not to find them there.

Hurrah for the Journal's new dress! and the dear Theta pansies guarding our beloved emblem. Success to the Journal, for it does a world of good when it comes bringing news from our sister chapters, fraternity news in general and best of all Theta enthusiasm. Each girl eagerly takes her Journal and reads and perhaps from one corner of the room comes,—“O, isn't that nice.” “Good for Theta!” From another, “Girls, let's us try that,” etc.

Our compact with Kappa Kappa Gamma was out in November and the next evening Thetas were to be seen going from all directions toward Theta hall where—well I will not tell what was done, but we exercised the goat and the next morning Pearl Smith appeared as a full fledged K. A. O. and four loyal pledges, two of whom expect to be freshies in the spring term. They were: Adaline Myers, Ida Mahoney, Mildred Murphy and Mina McCollister. And this term we have added one more—Maggie Rickey.

Deltas ranks are full as all of our girls returned this term. After taking in our new girls last term we gave a “progressive angling” party at the home of Mattie Myers, to which we invited our gentlemen friends and all voted it a decided success.

A few weeks ago Mildred Murphy entertained the girls at her lovely home, where we had such a jolly time as only so many Thetas can. During the evening we received a very pleasant reminder of the friendship of the Phi Gamma Delta boys.

For some time past there has been quite a disturbance among the “barb” element and yesterday was seen the first Phi Kappa Psi pin at I. W. U.

Still there have been weddings and Theta girls are among the number carried off. The pleasantest part for us is the box of cake which comes after as a gentle reminder that we must no more write Miss to that sister and think of two instead of one—though I believe somewhere it says *one*.

With best wishes to all.

DELTA, M. M.

## KAPPA.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KANS.

The last three months have been, indeed, busy months for Kappa, for initiations, open meetings, a party, and the semi-annual examinations have followed each other in quick succession. But we feel well repaid for our efforts by the large and flourishing chapter which we now have.

Immediately before the close of school for the holidays, a typical Theta “swing” was held at Edith Clarke's, the initiates being Nannie Towne, May Russell, Edith Haskell and Eleanor Blake. Soon after, two more joined our ranks, Ruth Emery and Mamie Barrett. Altogether our list of active members numbers nineteen.

Prof. Wilcox has given us an interesting talk on Greek myths, preparatory to our study of mythology. We are pleased to learn that another lecture from him will soon be in order.

The only entertainment our chapter has given this year was a party at



Sydney Dailey's, December 13th. May Walker delightfully entertained the Theta girls and pledged members this fall; a serenade from a mandolin club was one of the pleasant features of the evening.

The State oratorical contest which was held in Lawrence February 14th created no little excitement among the students. The struggle was a close one, and the excitement was intense when the decision of the judges was announced. Though our representative did nobly, for some mysterious reason we were defeated.

KAPPA.

### CHI.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, SYRACUSE, N. Y., MARCH 3, 1890.

DEAR THETA SISTERS: Christmas vacation come and gone and this term brings us two new sisters, Miss Anna Dudley, '93, and Pauline Jennings, '89, who is taking a post graduate course.

Our frat meetings become more and more pleasant each time and the little change of meeting with different girls makes a variety and thus makes life "spicy." But it sometimes keeps the "wee ones" up rather late since nine o'clock rules are often violated when the meeting extends into the evening.

Our anniversary reception on the evening of January 27th, at Miss Larabee's was a very pleasant affair. Her home was pretty with palms and cut flowers. The dining room, however, was our climax on decorations. Our favors were black celluloid kites; the two outer leaves of black enclosing a page containing the program of the evening. The kites and pencils were tied with gold ribbon and the kites painted with sketches in gold. Though rather small, our reception was as pleasant a success as we expect the other chapters enjoyed. "1870" was sung with enthusiasm by all present.

On hearing of Toronto's disastrous fire, we hope our Sigma met with no misfortunes. We hope to read her letter in this journal assuring us of her safety.

Lambda's chapter house was given a good bit of praise in our *University News*. Congratulations, girls. Wish we were in a similar "box."

Several Thetas attended the Junior ball on February 27th. All classes were allowed to participate this year, and the ball was surely a pleasant affair and an event of the season.

Though Chi knows well that these words fall like music on your listening ears, yet she is extremely modest and knows also that music sometimes tires. So with love to all Thetas and best wishes for sister Chapters, we will remain, in all our modesty and wickedness, Yours,

CHI.

### TAU.

EVANSTON, MARCH 6TH, 1890.

DEAR THETAS: In spite of the general feeling of listlessness that has prevailed the entire term and our decrease in numbers, caused by sickness we have reason to "count our mercies" and be thankful that only two have been compelled to leave and nine of us are left to fly the kite.

The latest wearer of the colors is Miss Eva Lee, a Freshman "in prospects" for next year. She has already become a loyal Theta and is a help to us in every way.



No doubt the chief point in every chapter letter will be an extended account of its "party" this term, as I notice from the reports that most of us have had them. But I will spare you the extended account of ours, which was held at "the" hotel, Jan. 27th.

About fifty gentlemen were present and only about twenty of us girls, beside a few lady guests, to entertain them. But it was good practice and the effort, although it involved some tact, I think we can say was with a degree of success. The fraternities sent flower pieces which decorated the parlors and dining room, and the favors were a pink rose—our chapter flower.

I suppose there is no pleasure but has its drawbacks, and although Truaso's mandolin orchestra pound forth sweet strains the entire evening, the memory thereof is rather marred by the recollection of the looks of reproach of the toiling trio, for alas! we forgot to feed them! Conversation and later, dancing were the only means of entertainment.

We varried the usual meeting the other evening by an open session to which the pledged girls were especially invited; it proved very interesting and showed this to us as a means of better keeping the "preps" acquainted with the fraternity in its society workings.

Our college chapel rejoices in new furnishings,—opera chairs and platform furniture, and we find that comfort adds not a little to the spirit of devotion.

We extend a hearty grip to you all.

TAU.

### LAMBDA.

U. V. M. BURLINGTON, VT.

DEAR THETA SISTERS: Since we last wrote to you we have taken into our society another bright young lady from the class of '93.

Our meetings are very regularly attended and are of great interest. Besides the regular weekly program we are reviewing the news of the week in a very interesting manner. Each member is given a country or a subject—as art, literature, or a science and brings into the meeting all the important news respecting her subject. In this manner we get in a few minutes time all the interesting facts of the day.

Very often we come together at the Chapter House during the week to take tea and spend an evening together. Our teas are often made attractive by oysters, oranges or honey. The evening is taken up with sisterly chats or innocent amusements.

One of our members, Mrs. Julia H. Spear, who is spending her winter in Florida, recently sent us a box of oranges, which were enjoyed very much.

Several of the members are now attending the "ladies class" at the Y M. C. A. gymnasium.

All are enjoying their college work very much.

LAMBDA.

### OMICRON.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Many of you doubtless think that your sisters who live so far away are very quiet, bashful little girls, who could not endure that long trip to the convention. But could you see us, you would be convinced that such is not the case, for there cannot be a more enthusiastic, non-quiet set for their number anywhere; and though no one could go, yet all were more than anxious to read the reports. And now they are again making an attempt



to be represented in the journal. We have been meeting every Thursday in a parlor, which a lady friend has very kindly given us for that day, but we very soon hope to have a rented room of our own; it will be quite a luxury, for Omicron has never had one before.

Our Greek work has been very interesting, and when we think for what we are working, it is doubly so; we had intended having the Greek evening before this, but now it is postponed until the latter part of next term. The Sigma Chis and other fraternity people of Los Angeles are to be invited to the home of Miss Sada Johnson, one of our sisters, where our entertainment will be in the form of a Greek banquet, if it is carried out in the manner which we have planned, it will be an elaborate affair and an honor to the Thetas.

Our meetings hav'n't been wholly taken up with Greek literature, we vary with works from different authors and with magazine articles, then as would be natural, we very often feed our brains otherwise as with a cup of tea, etc.

One of the most pleasant afternoons which we have spent was at Mrs. Coffers', nee Bertha Lindley, where our very nimble and skillful fingers tied blue zephyr on some cloth which she had stretched on a frame. We had studied Geometry and our knowledge aided us to tie the knots just so far apart and having them meet together in such nice straight lines; after it was finished, it was looked at to our satisfaction and repeatedly called a quilt. We are very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Coffey spending their honey moon so near us, but not so with Mrs. Borard, for we cannot often see her, who so short a time ago was Miss Tufts. But she doubtless is admirably performing her duties as mistress of some neat little parsonage in San Francisco.

There was one time this winter when our prospects didn't seem very bright, but at present they seem very cheerful, and now that La Grippe has left, all of its victims are extremely anxious for the time to come when they may know how their faithful "Nannie" has survived the first, second and third attacks of "the grip." With many wishes for a prosperous year.

OMICRON.

#### MU.

DEAR SISTERS: Mu has continued prosperity to report in every way for this term.

Santa Claus seems to be a firm friend of Kappa Alpha Theta. Three of our girls returned from the holiday vacations with beautiful new badges.

The new term brought several new girls and in the contest, which centered on Jessie Edwards, Kappa Alpha Theta came off victorious.

On January 31st, our twentieth anniversary, we tendered a reception to our many friends. We engaged a florist to decorate the parlors, and a caterer to supply the cravings of the "inner man" while those who chose to promenade in the halls were entertained by the seductive strains of a stringed orchestra. Two of our alumnae and one of our last year's sisters were with us for the occasion.

We are glad to see our "Baby" chapter coming to the front with such a breezy newsy letter, and extend our congratulations upon her cordial reception and earnest wishes for her success.

But enough! in consideration of your patience and the capacious wastebasket we spare you.

MU.



**BETA.**

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.

Beta again makes her bow and greets her sister chapters.

Would that she had something startling to relate—that she had received all songs and amounts due on the wonderful song book, and thus have the blame of its delay lifted from her shoulders.

But Beta has only to report serene prosperity within her harmonious circle.

On Friday evenings when "we meet with trip and a hearty grip," may be seen mingled together, youth, age beauty, intellect in all of their different phases. A jolly crowd, yet not lacking in dignity when the occasion demands.

We are taking for our study this term, French History of the Seventeenth Century, varying our program with lighter work. Once a month we are favored with a drama, which we find very enjoyable. Our last one, Howell's "Register," was rendered in a most excellent manner.

Beta is proud of her members. Among them are writers, poetesses musicians, chemists, mathematicians.

We express an earnest desire for the prosperity of the Journal. High may our kite fly, and long may black and gold flourish. BETA.

**PHI.**

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, COLLEGE PARK, SANTA CLARA CO., CAL.

DEAR THETAS: We are glad to receive the call for another chapter letter, for we know that it means another Journal soon.

The new year finds Phi, zealous, happy and loyal, and although she has no home of her own, she turns with pleasant memories to the cozy library of our sister, Miss Gober.

Since the last report to the Journal, we have twice had the pleasure of welcoming new sisters, so that we are now delighted to introduce to Theta sisters, Misses Minnie Juvenal '92; Mattie Haven, '93; and Clara Avery, '93.

After Clara had interviewed the "goat" in a very creditable manner; Miss Edith Wilcox, at whose home we meet, delightfully served the Thetas with dainty refreshments. These three new sisters are truly proud of their beloved Fraternity and are filled with pure Theta loyalty. We deem them an honor to Theta as well.

Our literary work still progresses with a slight modification, and yet will be somewhat interrupted in the future, as upon the fourth of April, Phi will invite the Greeks, (Phi Kappa Psi and "Greeks" in Faculty) to celebrate with her the first anniversary of her establishment—but more of this in our next.

Our new Conservatory of Music and Chapel building is nearing its completion, so that before long that department will be well settled in its new quarters, firmly supported, the only one on the Pacific coast.

We have missed our Junior member, Miss Boardman, this term but hope she will be with us again soon; we are also sorry that Jennie Landstrom has been compelled to obtain a leave of absence from the University of California, on account of sickness.

Shall we say that we await patiently the arrival of the minister of the Convention, only grieving that Phi is so near the end of the chapter list? We sincerely hope every chapter will think of the poor babies who must wait their turn, and send the copies on as soon as possible.

With love to all Thetas.

PHI.



## PI.

ALBION COLLEGE, ALBION, MICH.

The mid-winter term opened with prospects for hard work, in which we have not been disappointed. Thus far, the term has also given to us a goodly portion of pleasure and excitement. There has been but little done in a social line among the fraternity circles this winter, but in the little which has been done Theta has taken her part.

Two parties have been given this term by Theta girls, who entertained their friends royally. These gatherings have been pronounced by all the participants the greatest social successes of the college year.

Saturday, March 2nd, we indulged in a "spread" for our pledged members, in our hall. Our sister chapters all over the land can testify as to the enjoyment of such occasions.

Since our last letter to the Journal we have pledged two new girls. They are bright, intelligent little "preps" and the prospects are that they will not only be loyal to Theta, but will do honor to the "Black and Gold."

Before the close of last term one of our number, Fannie Staley, was compelled by ill health to abandon her work for a time and to return to her home. At the opening of this term we were more than glad to welcome her back to us with health much improved.

Just as we were leaving for our homes at the close of last term, we were called upon to mourn with one of our girls, whose dear father was suddenly called from earth. We all longed to place underneath our much-loved sister, Myrtie Graves, the supporting arm of comfort. Her grief is our grief, and together we shed the tears of sadness, realizing that in Myrtie's bereavement we are also bereft.

Of late, there has been a growing antagonism between the "frats" and "anti-frats." The latter have formed societies for the purpose of driving the fraternities from the college. It is needless to say that the former are well guarded on every side, and consequently fraternity spirit runs high at present. Though they may battle against us and may seek our destruction, they can not sever the ties nor destroy the love which binds us so closely together. Our love for Theta still increases and our desire to lift high her banner grows stronger; and we seek for her only the best of everything.

Pi.

## UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Winter examinations are just over and we are now entering upon a new term. How swiftly the time has passed this year, probably because we have all been so busy, and yet we have found some time for recreation and fraternity work.

On the evening of January 17th, we entertained our Delta Gamma friends at the home of Sister Jessie Nicol. During the evening several musical selections were rendered by both Delta Gammas and Thetas. Refreshments were served at ten o'clock and a favor of black and gold was presented to each guest. Everything passed off pleasantly and all reported a good time. We were sorry that we were unable to celebrate Thetas twentieth birthday, but as Upsilon's was so near we celebrated that instead. As a result of that celebration we now introduce to you Sisters Carrie Palmer



'92, Ida Burnett, '93 and Anna Burr, '93. They are fine girls (if we do say it) and we are very proud of them. We had a nice time with "Nanny" that night, and just as we had her locked up safely again the door bell rang and some kind brothers passed in refreshments, so we feasted all the rest of the evening. *Many thanks to those brothers.*

These are the only real Theta "spreads" we have had since last writing although we have been entertained in *Sections* by Emma Kemp, Grace Walther, Anna and Dora Guthrie and Minnie Rexford.

The principal events of interest in the U. of M. during the past term have been the preliminary contests for the Pillsbury prize. The Pillsbury prize is the sum of \$75.00 in lots of \$35.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00, presented by Hon. J. S. Pillsbury to those students delivering the three best orations. There have been over two hundred contestants this year, and the ten who are to appear on the final contest have been selected by means of these preliminary contests. Sister Emma Kemp has succeeded in getting a place on the final contest and will do her best for Theta. Last year the first two places in the "Pillsbury," the "Home" and the "State" were all won by Phi Psi's, and as there are four of them "billed" for this contest we fear there isn't much of a chance for Theta, still we consider it quite an honor to be represented at all.

College politics are to be aired again soon. This time it is the *Ariel* election. We have no candidate this year as we want all our best material for our own journal. We are, however, proud of the excellent manner in which Sister Anna Guthrie has managed the *Ariel's* literary department during the past year.

Our main building has been taking a full course of improvements this winter, every part being newly papered, painted and lighted, gas now taking the place of the smoky old kerosene lamps which have done service for thirty years. The ladies' parlor has been repapered and they say we are really to have new carpets and curtains. We shall certainly know how to appreciate them. Last, but by no means least of the improvements is a new lunch room in the basement where colored attendants serve hot coffee and lunch at all hours.

We are daily expecting Sister Beulah McHenry back to work with us this spring, and do hope she will come, we have missed her so much this year. Best wishes to all.

M. A. REXFORD.



## PERSONALS.

### DELTA.

Married—Miss Sadie M. Patton to Mr. J. B. Abell, Sept. 5, '89 at Springfield, Ill.

Married—Miss Maude Pillsbury to Mr. J. B. Walker, Aug. 19, '89 at Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Married—Miss Hattie Henry to Mr. A. H. Harnly, Dec. 26, '89, at Auburn, Ill.

Married—Miss Ella Landon to M. A. R. Pogne, Feb. 12, '90 at Auburn, Ill.

Mrs. Maude Walker is making a visit to friends in Bloomington and other places in Ill.

### LAMBDA.

The young ladies of the college were very pleasantly entertained at an "informal tea" at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Chickering, Feb. 26.

Miss Phoebe L. Marsh who has been at home sick is back again.

Miss Mittie P. Skinner '91, is at home on a visit.

Mrs. J. H. Spear is spending the winter in St. Augustine, Florida.

Miss June Yale '90 made us a flying visit last week.

Most of the young ladies are enjoying the benefit of Gymnasium practice two evenings a week.

Miss Clara Colburne '88 is writing a drama, which the '93 girls are to produce next term.

Miss Helen Bosworth soprano of the '91 Ladies' Quartette sang recently at one of Burlington's select musicals.

### TAU.

Mrs. Smoot of Highland Park and Mrs. Frank Little of River Forest visited us Jan. 27th.

Miss Edith Garton has gone to her home in Sheboygan for the remainder of the term to be with her mother who is ill.

Miss Jennie Meredith has gone home for the rest of the term.

Miss Mae Dingee who has been very ill with malarial fever since the holidays, is slowly recovering.

Miss Lucy Sheldon cordially entertained the frat. at a candy making party the last of the month.

Miss Florence Tobey, '93 entertained most of the Freshman class at her home in Pullman a few weeks ago.

### PI.

Misses Theo Gardiner and Bertha Brown entertained friends at the home of the former, Saturday evening, Jan. 24.

Miss Jennie Armstrong has been visiting in Jackson and Detroit.

Miss Teenie Ferguson now joyfully wears the "Black and Gold."

Miss Susie Turner enjoyed a weeks' visit from her mother, not long since.



Rev. D. W. Parsons, of Big Rapids, Mich., visited his daughter, Emma, about the 20th.

Miss Nellie Batt has recently put on the "Black and Gold" amid the congratulations of her many friends.

The chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, with their lady friends, was entertained by some of the Kappa Alpha Theta girls, Feb. 8th, at the home of Miss Jennie Armstrong.

#### IOTA.

We have been very fortunate in receiving visits from old members of the chapter.

Mrs. Lucy Sibley McGlaulin, '83, visited us in November, and next week Grace Soper, '82, who has been for several years on the staff of the Boston Journal, will spend a few days with us.

Martha Merry, '85, and Marion Colb, '91, came down for the Junior Promenade and stayed the rest of the week with us.

Alice Atkinson, '89, who graduated from Swarthmore in '88, and then took one year's course here, has just received an appointment to teach Latin in Swarthmore.

Mary Roberts, professor of History in Wellesley, paid us her accustomed visit at Christmas time.

#### KAPPA.

Mary Webster has been ill.

Lorena Grabe recuperated a week at her home in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Nannie Towne is taking select collegiate work in addition to her music.

May Russell has re-entered the University after several weeks' absence on account of her mother's illness.

Mamie Barrett has been confined to her room with a sprained ankle.

Florence Reasoner read a paper last week before the people of Cedar Junction.

Mrs. Harriet MacDonald has taken up the study of German.

Sydney Dailey has re-entered the University.

Edith Haskell, one of our new members, is a daughter of the late Hon D. C. Haskell.

#### BETA.

Mattie East, Freshman with '92, was married on New Year's, to Mr. Jess Van Wie, of Indianapolis.

Addie Perry, who has been studying Art, at Perdue University, is at home this term, but will probably resume her work spring term.

Ida Reed, '92, who has been teaching, will enter College spring term.

May Worthley, not being able to pursue the line of work she wished to, has returned to her home in Evansville, Ind.

Miss Dora Pendleton, '85, of Butler University, visited Beta recently.

Josephine Pittman, '90, represented Hesperian Literary Society, at the exercises on Washington's birthday.

Oneta Allen, '95, is the latest addition to our band of pledged members.

Creed Miers, '89, who is a teacher in Gosport, Ind., public schools, visited us a few weeks ago.

Anna Demaree won one of the prizes on Declamation Contest.



## EPSILON.

Helen Jeffries, '89, is taking a post graduate course at Bryn Mawr.

Arletta Warren, '89, is teaching in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Alice Hayes, '91, since Sept. last, answers to the address, Mrs. Campbell Coyle, D. D., Nevada, Iowa.

Gussie Underwood, '90, was married last November to Llewellyn Gilliland, '90, of Sigma Chi. Miss Underwood was a resident member, and the chapter was invited *en masse*. Our gift was a handsome piano lamp.

Helen Watterson, graduate of Wooster, and for several years a Professor in our Prep. Department, is now on the editorial staff of the New York "Sun", at a salary of \$1800.00 yearly. Her bright pen is fast making itself felt and recognized. Another score for Theta.

Judge Johnson and wife, and their daughter Kate, gave an elegant New Year's reception, the largest ever held in Wooster.

Anna Lehman has returned from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Gilliland of Van Wert, O.

The excellent address of Jennie Connell, '90, one of Epsilon's delegates to the Convention, on being elected Pres. of Williards Literary Society, will be found in the Journal.

Mrs. Dr. Mateer, nee, Beth Gaston, formerly of '90, is rejoicing over the birth of a son.

Cora Weber and Jennie Connell attended the last Convention.

Miss Kate McSweeney, a resident member, has very recently suffered the loss of her father, Hon. John McSweeney, a lawyer of much ability and repute.

Mrs. Shields, nee Mary Rex, has been a constant companion to her cousin, Miss McSweeney, since her father's death.

Mrs. Mary Mullins, nee Parsons of Salem, O., has visited in Wooster twice this winter.

We all feel deeply grieved, personally and as a chapter, over the death of dear Prof. Merz. He was a firm friend to all and each of us.

At our last banquet, the writer adorned him with Theta's badge, which he wore during the entire evening with evident pleasure.

The new instructor of music in the College is Prof. Heffley, of Pittsburgh.

Our latest member, Harriet Funck, of '91, the class most worth educating in College.

The toast of Alice Brown, at our Pasa Hellenica will be found in this number of the Journal.

## MU.

Basha Thrasher's sister is spending a week with her.

The heart of one of our "infants," Ella Howells, was made happy by a visit from her mother a short time ago.

Eunice Kellogg's parents spent the holidays with her in visiting New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has a new fraternity room a few doors from us on the fourth floor.



## EXCHANGES.

The exchange editor as she sits down at her table, upon which are fraternity journals of various descriptions, wonders what, after all, the girls would like best to hear about. About the outward appearance of these journals? Imagine as many different colors as there are fraternities with decorations artistic and otherwise. No, it matters little to the girls about the covers, they want to know what lies between these, of that the editor is sure, and she takes up, first the Anchora of Delta Gamma and finds the question raised in it, whether greater power is to be gained by patient sticking to the assigned lessons until one feels oneself thoroughly at home in all their details, with no attempt at general culture, or by giving a large part of one's time to reading, social intercourse, and general development, with a less thorough mastering of the text-book. The editor inclined to the belief "that one doesn't go to college to learn merely what is in text-books, but rather to broaden the mind, expand and develop character; that this can be gained only by reading and observation; that any course which does not admit of these tends to narrowness of mind and one-sidedness of character."

She then quotes our alumnae who settled, after the first two years of her college course, upon a certain line of study to which everything else should be of minor importance. After having decided upon this, not only did she elect studies having a bearing upon the subject, but determined that all her collateral reading should converge upon it as a center. So all the while, although working constantly toward the definite end of learning all there is to learn about the subject she finds nothing in the whole range of science, literature or philosophy that does not bear in some way upon it. Thus while steadily pursuing her chosen line of study she is at the same time by no means excluded from other fields of knowledge, and concludes by saying: We enter college, are caught up by the current of events, and carried along with it; are tossed about indefinitely for four years, and finally reach the shore Commencement day freighted with a miscellaneous cargo of heterogeneous facts, remarkable to behold. We mount the rostrum and inform the admiring public that "Beyond the Alps lies Italy." The next day we exchange our white dresses for plainer gowns and start for Italy, but soon find to our sorrow that we do not know where our Italy lies or what the road is to reach it.



The question raised is one of vital importance, for in a great measure our life while at college is a mirror of that which will follow after graduation. While it is true that we do not go to college merely to learn what is in text-books, still that is one great object; else why the daily routine of class work? We are inclined to the belief that the lesson assigned are a part of the work which "our hand finds to do" and that we ought to do them "with our might." The earnest effort expended on them will not be in vain and the very fact of being earnest in one thing will have its influence on whatever else we do. "Nothing fails of its end." We will be better cooks, better house keepers, if that is to be our future mission because we have done our college work as well as we knew how. Yet do not misunderstand me. There are many things besides the every day lessons which pertain to college life and which must not be neglected. Do not, however, undertake so many other duties that you are able to do nothing well. Be earnest, be true, and then when you reach Italy you will find a work awaiting you which will be glorified by your strong sweet womanhood.

The Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly, with the exception of its cover, must be a source of pleasure to its subscribers. The exchange department especially, is excellent, for it culls from the visitors on its table the thoughts which will be conducive of good to the boys—suggestions which they can use in their own fraternity life. The Delta Gossip introduces them to their Alumni in different parts of the country; the chapter letters tell about the new brothers and various happenings in the college world. The article on "Fraternity from a Barbarian Standpoint," gives us a chance to voice some opinions which we have long held. Speaking of the boys who have refused to join a fraternity when asked, or those who have not received the desired invitation the writer says. "Many of his former fraternity friends are friends still, but he sees that there is a difference in their attitude toward him. Soon he begins to regard them in a different light, and quickly takes up all the ideas and prejudices of a Barbarian with regard to fraternity. In the majority of cases there is a mixture of envy and dislike in his attitude towards the Greek. He sees how much the boys of a fraternity accomplish by united effort. He observes that in some mysterious way a boy is greatly influenced by joining a fraternity. After coming out with the pin on, the wearer seems to brace up, does better class work, feeling now that he has the reputation of his fraternity to sustain, and he stands on a higher level than be-



fore. All this the Barbarian notices and envies, and every time the colors are worn, 'way down in his heart, almost every 'non-frat' wishes they were worn for him by the fraternity which he prefers."

Has it ever occurred to Theta girls that one who has been asked to join them and who has refused—for such a thing may sometimes happen—is not materially changed, and that she is deserving of attention and of thoughtfulness even after such an event. It is an utter impossibility to gather all the nice girls in college into one fraternity, and by shutting herself up in her own chapters a girl may miss some of the dearest friendships of school life. We go to college to broaden ourselves, not only mentally, but also socially, and most important of all to broaden our charity. But how is this latter to be accomplished effectually if one knows only those of her own set. The truest charity will have a pleasant greeting and a kindly smile for all; and let me whisper to you, girls, nothing will aid your chapter more than the fact that it can be said of your members, "They are not afraid to speak to other folks."

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We do not wonder that the Kappas had the Advent of the key with delight for its tone throughout is helpful. The December number opens with an article on "Fraternity Journalism," which is followed by two after commencement papers, "Women in Medicine," and "Women and Journals." In its Parthenon the question of entering ladies' colleges is discussed. The Kappa sisters are divided on this point. But in answer to the question, "What o'clock in Kappa" a member of Delta chapter says with no uncertain sound. "It is almost six years since I was before the assembly of the members of Delta and took upon myself the obligations of a Kappa life. Have I been able to fulfil those obligations—to faithfully keep my promise? If, in my weakness, I had many times failed, I would still say, 'Kappa pledges you to nothing but that which, if rightly kept, cannot fail to make of you a better woman.' We are sisters, and in order to be true to our promise we must keep the interests of every sister as near to our hearts as our own interests. Is this a hard thing to do? Yes, if there is in our hearts anything of selfishness, for self is a hard thing to evercome; but once mastered we have learned one of life's grandest lessons. And it is by this integrity to each member that we shall most effectually promote our combined fraternal interests. For in this way we have united into one solid mass, no particle of



which can be shaken without disturbing the whole. During a spiking season I was once asked the question, 'If I become a Kappa will it be necessary that I love all the girls?' I think the question amounted to this, 'Does your promise require blindness to faults?' By no means; It requires nothing of blindness, but a great deal of helpfulness and charity. Whatever of shortcomings may be in any of us, rest assured they will be pointed out, for the fraternity man or woman is continually a target. Our sisterly regard might blind us to faults, but the hands of the outside world will be continually pointed at them. That which in 'Miss Jones the Kappa' is severely criticized is entirely overlooked in 'Miss Jones the Barb.' Why is this? It is because the people outside of our fraternity recognize that we aim at a high standard, and are always ready to note any failure to live up to this."

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The Palm of Alpha Tau Omega offers a prize of twenty-five dollars for the best articles on "Should Greek fraternities in American colleges be tolerated?" and "To what extent is Pan-Hellenic consolidation practical and expedient."

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The department devoted to Graduates in the Theta Delta Chi Shield is a special feature of that magazine and will do much toward keeping the undergraduates informed in regard to their elder brothers.

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All the other fraternities here are in a prosperous condition. Kappa Alpha Theta established her Chi chapter here on October 10th. It enters with bright prospects, there being plenty of good material in this college for the right sororities. We hope that they will be as successful as Beta Epsilon has been. A neutral literary society has just been formed, which will in all probability petition some small fraternity for a charter. The members of the two class societies, Theta Nu Epsilon, and Beta Delta Beta, have been prohibited by the faculty from receiving any commencement honors, as the members were recently concerned in a hazing scrape. —*Beta Theta Pi.*—*Chapter letter from Syracuse University.*

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The University of Michigan now claims the honor of being the most populous university on this continent, and will print in her catalogue this year the names of 2,200 students. But not only in numbers is the U. of M. advancing; also from her position among the foremost of educational institutions is she taking rapid strides forward.—*The Rainbow.*



Pi Beta Phi sorosis entered Ohio University in December by initiating seven members of the Omega Gamma Chi society.

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Johns Hopkins University has recently received a check for \$100,000 from Mrs. Donovan for the foundation of a chair of English literature. The University has been very fortunate lately in its endowments. Last spring several citizens of Baltimore gave it \$100,000 as an emergency fund. A Christian Association building is now being erected at a cost of \$20,000, the gift of Mr. Levering. Mr. John McCoy lately willed it \$100,000, a library of 10,000 volumes, etc. In all, the University has received more than \$400,000 in the last 6 months.

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William R. Baird, who published the book *American College Fraternities*, in 1883, proposes to issue a new edition of the same provided enough subscribers are guaranteed beforehand to pay the cost of publishing. The book will be of great value to fraternity members and we hope the eight hundred subscribers will soon be forthcoming.

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In Great Britain, 210 women are entitled to write A. B. after their names. Of these 144 graduated in London University, fifty-five at Royal University of Ireland, eleven at Victoria University.—*The Key*.

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Kappa Alpha Theta has just dedicated a new chapter-house at the University of Vermont, the dedicating ceremonies including an oration, poem, dedication song, and an opera entitled "A Woman's Revenge," all of the productions being original. The house is very neat and is conveniently adapted to the purposes for which it is designed. This takes away the distinction from Alpha Phi of being the only ladies' society which possesses a chapter-house.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

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Theodore B. Wanamaker has given one million dollars to Princeton, the income to be given annually as a prize to students performing the best work in English history and language.—*The Palm*.

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Madison University is passing through a critical period in her history. It is widely known that a plan has been proposed and partially executed to change the name of this institution to Col-



gate University. When this proposition was first brought prominently before the undergraduates they, for reasons sentimental rather than sensible, opposed the change. But now, since they have seen professors who have labored for this university for years, and who love it as no other men can, working earnestly for the change, there has been an entire revision of opinions. All of the students are now in favor of the new name.—*Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

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During the last year the sum total of educational gifts in this country was \$5,000,000.—*The Palm.*

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Co-education has taken another step forward. The University of Pennsylvania is about to admit women. Rumor says that the students are very much opposed to this change.—*Ancora.*

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Kappa Alpha Omega's nationalism crops out again. Her latest scheme is to build a national chapter-house at Miami University. Besides filling the customary offices of a chapter-house, it will contain fire-proof vaults for the archives of the fraternity.—*Phi Gamma Delta.*

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Pi Beta Kappa has recently granted a charter to De Pauw University, and nine Alumni have been initiated.

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The forty-third annual convention of Theta Delta Chi was held at Boston, November 20. A new constitution was adopted.

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On Thursday evening, October 10, the Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, consisting of eleven members, was established here. For some time a movement has been in progress by a local society, Kappa Delta Phi, to obtain admission into the above named fraternity. It was expected that a charter would be granted last June, and owing to delays it has been impossible to establish a chapter until now. The installation ceremonies were conducted by two members of Iota chapter of Cornell University. There is plenty of room in our growing institution for the new chapter, and plenty of good material for her construction.—*The Key.—Chapter Letter from the Syracuse University.*

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The fraternities of Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Chi Phi at the University of Georgia have been suspended for a year.



Alpha Tau Omega has established a chapter at Vanderbilt, University.

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At the beginning of the new year a new fraternity was founded at Cornell. It is called the Alpha Zeta, and is intended solely for the benefit of persons born in the Western hemisphere and who speak either Spanish or Portuguese, but exclude all Europeans. The fraternity is established on the same general plan as the other Greek letter societies, and intends to establish other chapters before long. The local Alpha Chapter has at present eight members and seems to be in a thriving condition.—*Cornell Daily Sun*.

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One of the greatest events of the season in social circles was the marriage of Bro. Frank Little, '88, to Miss Mabelle Thatcher, '88, at her home at River Forest on the evening of November 4th. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Fowler. Among the many guests present was a goodly proportion from our active chapter and alumni, as well as from the chapter of K. A. O., of which Miss Thatcher is a member.—*The Shield, Chapter letter from Northwestern University*.

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The University of Michigan has entirely done away with the marking system and has abolished all prize competitions and class honors. The experiment will be watched with interest by other large universities, which have for some years been discussing its feasibility.—*The Rainbow*.

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There are now represented in the university six secret fraternities besides our own. Eta chapter of Alpha Phi was never in a better condition. Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Delta Delta are prospering. The men's fraternities are represented by Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, and Delta Tau Delta.—*The Key, Chapter Letter from Boston University*.

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The total number of women graduates of the fourteen leading colleges in America open to women is 2611. Of these 38 per cent. are married; 36 per cent. teaching; 5 per cent. engaged in other occupations; 20 per cent. at home.—*The Key*.

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Sigma Mu is about to establish a chapter at Cornell. A lot on the campus has been secured, and a chapter-house costing \$25,000 will be erected.—*University Beacon*.